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## SCENIC WALKS OF TASMANIA CRUISE

This 7-night hiking-themed itinerary takes you to explore the remote coastlines of Tasmania's east, and the iconic walks of the region. Guests will enjoy a variety of shore excursions, with both challenging and less strenuous walks on offer. The imposing cliffs, sandy beaches and sapphire waters of the rugged coast of Tasmania offer an experience of spectacular beauty. Guided by experienced bush-walkers, explore breathtaking coastal hikes along with insights into the region's unique ecosystem. Some of the longer/more challenging hikes include Mount Beattie, Mount Milner, Fluted Cape Walkway, Cape Hauy, Hazards Circuit, and Bishop and Clerk. After the day's exertions, retire to Coral Discoverer's panoramic Xplorer bar and recharge with a Tasmanian single malt or two.

### Day 1: Depart Hobart

Arrive at your advised check-in location for boarding at 4:00pm, with time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure. Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard before meeting your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

### PORT DAVEY

On the edge of the world in southwest Tasmania, the landscape here is about as wild as it gets. Raw, craggy-peaked mountains and drowned river valleys. Wild rivers and rivulets carved by an eternity. Where tannin-rich freshwater sits atop saltwater, tinting the ocean the colour of tea. With no road access, the logical way to explore this wilderness is by small expedition ship.

Guests will have the option of:

### MOUNT BEATTIE

256m above sea level - The Mt Beattie track starts from a jetty at Claytons Corner where the historic. Claytons Hut is located, it travels steady uphill through native forest then opens out to button grass, open windy areas which are often muddy on the trail to the summit. It offers stunning views of the whole Port Davey area in particular Bathurst Harbour.

### Walk Details:

- › Distance: 3 hours return
  - › Grade 3 walk - some bush-walking experience recommended.
- Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface, and many steps.

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› Prepare with: A raincoat, woolen jumper or polar-fleece jacket, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

### MOUNT MILNER

180m above sea level - This hike begins with getting your feet wet in the shallow bay, the hike begins by slowly gaining height before reaching a short but very steep section which quickly gains height before leveling off and an easy up and down section to the lookout over the Break Sea Islands.

#### Walk Details:

- › Distance: 2 hours return
- › Grade 3 walk - some bush-walking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface, and many steps.
- › Prepare with: Sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

\*Access to Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour is subject to annual permits being granted by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife.

### BRUNY ISLAND

At Adventure Bay on the east coast of Bruny Island, we walk along the dramatic coastal cliffs of Fluted Cape and hope to see Bennett's Wallabies which are endemic to Bruny Island. Learn about the rich maritime history of Adventure Bay, and explore the history of old whaling stations on the way to Grass Point.

### FLUTED CAPE WALKWAY

240m above sea level - This is a moderately challenging track which has a very well-maintained loop track with several short steep sections, and gradual inclines. It begins at the beach and

is a flat easy walk to grassy point (1.5km) where the steep uphill section begins, it levels off at the lookout sections (1.5km) and then traverses down through the forest area, this can be slippery and muddy if rainfall has occurred.

#### Walk Details:

- › 3 hours return loop (5.5km)
- › Grade 3 walk - There is one very steep section on this track that requires good fitness but in general it is a steady climb to the summit lookout area before it is mostly downhill to the beach.
- › Prepare with: Water bottle, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

### TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

The Tasman Peninsula is known for its fascinating geological formations like the Tessellated Pavement, Tasman Arch, and the soaring 300 metre high dolerite sea cliffs of Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy - the tallest in the southern hemisphere. We will visit Fortescue Bay, where guests will have the option of:

### CAPE HAUY (part of the Three Capes Walk)

180m above sea level elevation gain - It features many steps along the way over 1000 on the way down and 800 to the junction lookout - good fitness and balance required. It starts from the boat ramp and undulates through woodlands and heath; it then drops down a steep set of steps before ascending to the Cape.

#### Walk Details:

- › Distance: 4 hours return (4.4 km one way)
- › Grade 3 walk - Some bush-walking experience recommended.



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Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface, and many steps.

- › Some hazardous cliffs and unprotected track edges
- › Prepare with: A raincoat, woolen jumper or polar-fleece jacket, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

### CANOE BAY TO BIVOUAC BAY

Stroll along the shoreline looking for local wildlife as we beachcomb from Canoe to Bivouac Bay

### FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

The Freycinet Peninsula is a dramatic headland dominated by a pink-hued granite mountain range called the Hazards. Blessed with picturesque sweeping bays with white sand beaches like famed Wineglass Bay, much of the peninsula is designated as Freycinet National Park.

Guests will have the option of:

### HAZARD LOOP

204m elevation - From Wineglass Bay across the Isthmus track and walk down Hazards Beach before joining onto the Hazards track looping onto the start of the Wineglass Bay lookout walk from Coles Bay.

Walk Details:

- › 3.5 - 4 hours return (12 km loop)
- › Grade 3 walk - Undulates up and down a steady track then a rocky track with built in steps. The walk over to Wineglass has many steps over 500 on the way down.
- › Prepare with: Water bottle, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

### ISTHMUS TRAIL

An easy flattish walk that undulates between Hazards Beach and Wineglass Bay on a well-formed trail can be walked either way. It features both sand and dirt tracks as well as a selection of boardwalks.

Walk Details:

- › 30 minutes return (2 km)
- › Grade 2 walk - There are some ups and downs but mostly an easy enjoyable walk.
- › Prepare with: water bottle, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

### WINEGLASS BAY LOOKOUT

204m elevation - One of Tasmania's celebrated walks, it is a very well-constructed walkway passing through the coastal woodland and striking granite boulders to the lookout. It is a steep uphill climb featuring many individual steps (more than 500) before reaching the lookout summit, as we cannot land on the Coles Bay side this is a return from Wineglass Bay.

Walk Details:

- › 2 hours return (3 km) from Wineglass Bay
- › Grade 3 walk - It is a steady and sometimes steep walk up featuring more than 500 steps integrated into the walkway.
- › Prepare with: water bottle, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

### MARIA ISLAND NATIONAL PARK



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Maria Island can be referred to as a Noah's Ark for native Tasmanian species. The Maria Island National Park provides an ideal sanctuary, and is one of the best places in Australia to observe endemic birdlife as well as wombats, Cape Barren geese, Forester Kangaroos, Bennett's Wallabies, and pademelons

Guests will have the option of:

### BISHOP AND CLERK

620m above sea level, this hike climbs through grasslands, open forests, tall woodland, to rocky slopes towering dolomite columns of the summit. It involves steep up and down sections, and an extensive field of boulders with a short climb to the summit.

#### Walk Details

- › 4-5 hours return
- › Grade 4 walk - Bush-walking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough, and steep. Signage may be limited. Hazardous cliffs, unprotected track edges, rock scree scramble
- › Prepare with: A raincoat, woolen jumper or polar-fleece jacket, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

Other recommendations may include: Thermal pants, warm gloves, and woolen beanie.

### FOSSIL CLIFFS LOOP

54m elevation - This is a loop walk starting at the jetty and finishing at the Darlington Settlement. It follows gentle but uneven grass areas and well-maintained tracks it is mostly gentle ups and downs but does feature one steep hill climb. It visits the old buildings and the fossil cliffs where fossils were

deposited some 300 million years ago.

#### Walk Details

- › 2-2.5 hours loop return (4.5km)
- › Grade 2 walk - Mostly on a well maintained track. plenty of places to rest and feature only one steep hill climb.
- › Prepare with: Water bottle, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

### PAINTED CLIFFS

56m elevation - A relaxing loop return coastal walk that features the stunning painted cliffs at Hopground beach, best done on a low tide to allow safe access to the rock platform beneath the cliffs.

#### Walk Details

- › 2-2.5 hours loop return (4km)
- › Grade 2 walk - It is mostly flat with only gentle incline along the trail. The rock platform at the painted cliffs require care as it can be slippery.
- › Prepare with: Water bottle, sturdy walking shoes or boots, and a sun hat.

#### Day 8: Arrive Hobart

Our Tasmania adventure concludes in Hobart this morning as we bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew, disembarking at 8:00am. A complimentary transfer is provided to CBD hotels, or the airport is included.

#### Please note:

This itinerary is an indication of the destinations we visit and activities on offer. Throughout the expedition we may make changes to the itinerary as necessary to maximise your

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expeditionary experience. Allowances may be made for seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions, and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel. Coral Expeditions suggests that you do not arrive on the day of embarkation or depart on the day of disembarkation due to any changes that may occur in scheduling. Note on fitness levels: This trip involves moderate to challenging walks, therefore reasonable mobility is required to enjoy all it has to offer. Our Xplorer tender permits easy boarding without climbing any stairs. Hikes vary in intensity and where possible we split groups to suit easy and moderate walkers. Guests are welcome to opt out of any excursion and relax onboard - our top deck outdoor lounge is great on a sunny day. As the itinerary covers remote regions, it is not suitable for passengers with serious medical conditions.



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## YOUR SHIP: CORAL DISCOVERER

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**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Yacht-like Coral Discoverer set a new benchmark standard of sophistication in expedition cruising when she was constructed by us in 2005. Coral Discoverer sailed on pioneering expeditions through Papua New Guinea, the islands of the South Pacific, Vanuatu, New Zealand, West Papua, and the Spice Islands. She led explorations into remote areas, focusing on destinations that were largely inaccessible to larger cruise ships. Coral Discoverer is exceptionally nimble and maneuverable, with a shallow draught to get up close to destinations, ocean views from all public spaces, an expansive open-air sun deck, all outside-facing staterooms, and state-of-the-art tools for exploration including the Xplorer, zodiacs, a glass-bottom boat, and kayaks. A full refurbishment in 2018 saw the addition of private balconies, the much-loved Xplorer sundeck bar, and all new furnishings throughout the ship. Comfortable, reliable, and intimately scaled, Coral Discoverer now conducts expeditions across Australia's coast - Tasmania, Cape York and Arnhem Land and the Kimberley. Australian flagged and staffed by an Australian and New Zealand crew, your experience aboard Coral Discoverer will be memorable. Onboard Accommodation Onboard accommodation comprises 36 spacious modern

staterooms. You can select from Bridge, Promenade or Main Deck staterooms offering a choice of twin through to junior king-size doubles. All staterooms have an ocean view, en-suite facilities, settee, large wardrobe, desk, luggage storage, individual air-conditioning control, and are serviced daily. Onboard Facilities What you would expect of a much larger cruise ship: Large sundeck Spa Pool Guest computer Comprehensive reference library Phone and fax facilities Lecture lounge with large plasma screen Limited laundry facilities Two fully stocked cocktail bars Boutique and dive shop Air-conditioned public areas Coral Discoverer is equipped with the latest technology active stabilizers and is fitted with state-of-the-art safety and navigational equipment and is the only Australian passenger ship registered with full SOLAS compliance allowing opportunities to explore a multitude of international voyages. Dining All meals during the cruise are included. Breakfast and lunch are served in the Dining Room located on the Main Deck and are buffet-style while dinner is table d'hote. Coffee and tea is available 24 hours. Standard hours are breakfast from 7:00-8:30am, lunch at 12:30pm and dinner at 7:30pm however meal times may vary according to the day's activities. Meal times will be advised in the onboard daily bulletins. Excursion Boats And Zodiacs The "Xplorer" is a specially designed aluminium excursion vessel used for the majority of our excursions. This vessel has high horsepower engines and will accommodate all passengers at one time. The "Xplorer" will be used for landings and for extensive exploration of rivers and tributaries. For your added convenience and comfort, the "Xplorer" is equipped with an awning and toilet. We

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also carry two inflatable landing craft (Zodiacs). Designed for expedition work, these large and heavy-duty inflatables are extremely safe. Separate air compartments retain a large reserve of buoyancy even if the boats damaged. The flat bottom design permits these crafts to land directly onto the beaches. Expect nonetheless to wade through shallow water to reach the shore. See photo



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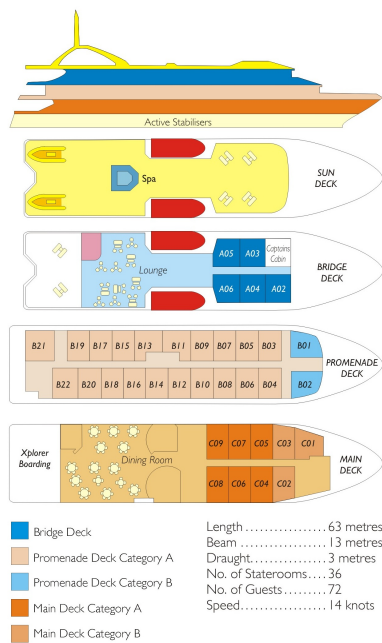
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